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September 20, 2017

Mr. Robert J. O'Dowd  
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Dear Mr. O'Dowd:

This correspondence is in regards to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 24, 2017, in which you seek records related to former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro. Specifically, pursuant to the FOIA, you requested the following records maintained by the Department of the Navy (Navy):

All PDF copies of soil sample laboratory reports detecting Dioxin 2,3,7,8 TCDD for six sites at former MCAS El Toro. The six sites you identified are:

1. OU-2B - IRP-17 COMMUNICATIONS STATION LANDFILL
2. OU-2C - IRP-3 ORIGINAL LANDFILL
3. OU-2C - IRP-5 PERIMETER ROAD LANDFILL
4. OU-3 - IRP-12 SLUDGE DRYING BEDS
5. OU-3 - IRP-9 CRASH CREW PIT NO.
6. OU-2C - ANOMALY AREA 3 LANDFILL

Your request was received by this office on August 28, 2017 and assigned file number DON-NAVY-2017-009977.

Unfortunately, due to current heavy Navy workloads, we are unable to provide you a final determination on your request by the September 22, 2017 date as required under FOIA. The processing of your request is continuing and is expected to be completed by October 13, 2017. Because this dated is beyond the 20 working day time limit for the FOIA, I must inform you of your right to appeal to the General Counsel of the Navy, 720 Kennon Street SE, Room 214, Washington Naval Yard, DC 20374-5012.

Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted should be included and the enclosed copy of this letter should be attached. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

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Should you agree to await a substantive response, your right to appeal any denial of information, in whole or in part, will not be prejudiced. In the event of a partial or total denial, you will be afforded 60 calendar days from the date of denial in which to appeal.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to Mr. Scott Anderson at 619-524-5808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly A. Ostrowski', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

KIMBERLY A. OSTROWSKI